1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	Spices	37536	210.31	89544	372.74
9.	Sugar	22732	21.82	26567	32.53
10.	Oil Seeds	N.A.	5.49	N.A.	1.35
11.	Natural Rubber	8083	27.77	42404	126.77
12.	Jute Raw	57911	71.22	63615	76.05
13.	Silk Raw	3989	398.81	5081	477.66
14.	Cotton Raw: Comb/ Uncomb/Waste	195080	1080.48	334031	1791.94

[SOURCE: DGCI&S]

Progress of oil refinery at Paradip

* 335. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation is going slow on the Paradip Oil Refinery Project despite all clearances/concessions given by the State Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of bottlenecks in completing the project in time?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is presently reviewing its Paradip Oil Refinery Project for the revised project cost and the completion schedule in the light of the demand and supply projections of petroleum products in the country.

The time schedules for completion of the project stipulated at the time of its approval in July 1998 have been affected due to the following:

(i) Withdrawal of Joint Venture partner Kuwait Petroleum Corporation from the Project;

(ii) Withdrawal of sales tax concessions by the Government of Orissa in February 2000, affecting the viability of the

Project; however a fresh package of incentives has now been offered by the Government of Orissa.

Circulation of mutilated currency notes in A.P.

* 336. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that torn, mutilated and dirty currency notes of smaller denominations arc in circulation in Andhra Pradesh and banks and their branches refuse to exchange these notes resulting in hardships to people and traders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) The printing of smaller denomination notes of Re. 1, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 was stopped in November, 1994, February, 1995 and November, 1995 respectively. Some of these notes arc in circulation throughout the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued instructions to all Public Sector Banks and the currency chest branches to exchange torn and mutilated notes tendered by the public. Further, when any specific complaint is received, immediate instructions arc issued to the concerned bank to redress the grievances.

Diversion of funds by financial companies

*337. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether companies divert funds lent by financial institutions for unauthorised purposes, despite the presence of nominees of financial institutions on their Boards;

(b) if so, the details of such companies alongwith the details of funds diverted during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Industrial Development Bank of India has examined the above diversion of funds;